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¶1. EconOff delivered reftel demarche to two representatives of the Ghana Maritime Authority scheduled to attend the IMO Maritime Safety Committee meeting in Istanbul: Mrs. Bernadette Esa Chinery-Hesse, Board Secretary; and Captain E.B. Komeng, Maritime Security Coordinator. Both were highly supportive of the LRIT and GMDSS programs, recognized the importance of timely implementation, and agreed that IMO's continued coordination seemed a reasonable option, but made no firm commitments regarding the GoG position. They indicated they would further research the September IMSO Assembly vote to learn who supported its leadership of LRIT. BRIDGEWATER